



# rivers&trails

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*rivers, trails, and conservation assistance program*

## PIMA/PINAL REGIONAL TRAILS STUDY

### Project Goal

To identify and preserve a network of multi-use trails for a 500 square mile area with connections to neighboring county, state, and federal trails.

### Background

In 1997 at the request of Coronado National Forest the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA) convened non-motorized and motorized trail clubs, and representatives from all levels of government to discuss the status of trails and public access in northern Pima County and southern Pinal County.

Concerns about rapid development, habitat loss, and diminishing opportunities to access county, state, and federal lands via a multi-use trails system led to the formation of an ad hoc Pima/Pinal Regional Trails Advisory Committee to begin inventorying trails, identifying threats to those trails, and developing strategies for their protection.

### National Park Service Role

Because of the multiple jurisdictions involved RTCA has provided significant project coordination including: convening meetings, guiding the planning process, facilitating advisory committee work sessions, orchestrating public involvement, and coordination of GIS support from Pima County and the Town of Oro Valley.

### Project Results to Date

- Inventoried and digitized over a 1000 miles of trail.
- Identified project goals.
- Added trails to the State Trails System (a funding eligibility requirement for State Heritage Grants).
- Established an Oro Valley Trails Task Force to “ground truth” inventoried trails in Oro Valley, identify threats to trails, recommend actions to preserve trails, establish trails standards, develop a data base for trails in Oro Valley to be used for planning, management, and recreation as a prototype for planning on a regional level.
- Utilized GIS to develop mapping strategies for identifying regional trail and open space preservation opportunities.



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### Project Partners

- Pima Trails Association
- Pima County
- Pinal County
- Town of Oro Valley



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